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**Schwartz calls it quits**

David Schwartz, Assemblyman-D-Middlesex/Union announced that he will not be a candidate for reelection to the State Legislature in 1991. In a letter to state and local Democratic Party leaders, Schwartz said he was retiring from legislative service, after 14 years in the Assembly, to "concentrate all of my energies on leading the American Affordable Housing Institute at Rutgers University and on meeting my national housing responsibilities."

**Dolja/Schwartz Talent Development bill receives approval**

Legislation was approved by the General Assembly to create a new and innovative program to challenge New Jersey students "who have demonstrated exceptional learning abilities in such fields as science, mathematics, and numerous technologies—the Talent Development Program would offer students in grades 4-12 a governor's school in each county. The measure now goes to the Senate for consideration."

**East Orange welcomes home Kelly Fields from Persian Gulf**

**EAST ORANGE** — Mayor Cardell Cooper and the employees of the City of East Orange gathered in the rounds of City Hall to extend a warm welcome to fellow employee Kelly Fields on her return from Saudi Arabia. Fields, a clerk in the city's Accounts Payable Department, was one of the first East Orange residents to be shipped to Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Desert Shield and later Operation Desert Storm.

Fields is a member of the Air Force Reserve 34th Medical Services Unit based in Roslyn, New York. In Saudi Arabia, Fields was assigned to the first hospital ever to be located on the front line in the history of the United States Armed Forces. When asked what it was like Kelly replied, "I saw a lot of

**Plainfield to hold public hearings in response to citizen complaints**

by Denise Germain

**PLAINFIELD** — Last Thursday (March 28) evening, Plainfield residents came out in force to state their concerns about the city's police department and other community concerns. The mayor, Harold Mitchell, amidst complaints from citizens at recent city council meetings and a formal written request from Alvin and Venus Hannah and their spokesman Salamat Ismail, decided that a series of public forums were needed to help calm the tension in the community. He appointed the Human Relations Commission to serve as mediators for a series of three public meetings, to be held in different ends of the city each time.

The commission members were Dan Morgan, chairman, Dr. Gerald Leo, who served as the mediator for the evening, Rick Williams, the Rev. Donald Nichols, the Rev. R.T. David, Eric Wilson, William Ragland and the Rev. Burton C. Cathie, representing the mayor was, Leon

Adams, director of Public Affairs and Safety. Morgan stated at the start of the hearing that the commission was not part of an investigation unit into police brutality charges, they were there to absorb what the public had to say and would relay it to the mayor and other city administrators through a report they would compile at the end of the series. Citizens in the audience felt as though, the body was just another step added to an already long and winded process of city bureaucracy. Several speakers who approached the commission questioned the power to get anything done for the community. Salamat Ismail, president of the United Youth Council and the Plainfield African American Association, stated that as far

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**POP starts petition drive for victim of L.A. police attack**

**NEWARK** — The people's Organization for Progress began a "Justice For Rodney King" petition drive on Saturday, April 6, on the corners of Broad and Market Streets in downtown Newark.

According to POP Chairman Lawrence Hamm, the petition calls for "the swift prosecution of all officers associated with the attack on King, the creation of a national commission on police violence as called for by congressmen John Conyers, and the resignation of Los Angeles Police Chief Thurgood Marshall."

The beating of King by Los Angeles police while other officers looked on was videotaped by a local resident. Since then the tape has been broadcast by television stations across the country and the case has become the focus of a national attention.

As a result of the attack King's right eye socket was crushed, jaw broken, right ankle broken, and eleven of his skull bones were fractured. He may have irreparable brain damage.



United Youth Council demonstrates in Plainfield.

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by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

**Our children have been given the shaft, again**

As we have so often in the past witnessed, history does have a way of repeating itself. Just like in previous years and past battles around the issue of school financing in New Jersey, the children in predominantly African American and Hispanic school districts have been treated with little regard or consideration. Their educational needs have been shoved aside, and the rhetoric about children receiving a "thorough & efficient" education, or a "quality education" remain as empty words floating on clouds.

The recent amendments to the original QEA legislation, and compromises resulting in QEA II, have been disastrous for the thirty school districts identified as being in the most need. The children in these districts will now receive less — not more — in terms of aid and services. Local school boards in these districts will have to make major budget cuts, resulting in loss of jobs, elimination of many programs, and further

deterioration of our schools. The children don't deserve this kind of treatment, but as often seems to be the case, there aren't a lot of people willing to stand up and expose the real culprits in this latest sellout.

While virtually all urban school superintendents, board members, administrators and teachers cry "foul" now, they really haven't put forth the leadership that was needed to help organize the students, parents and community at large in their school districts.

Many school officials are proud of saying that they have strong parental involvement in their schools but, when the time came to organize parents around this important issue, very little effort was put out. If they were organizing parents to support a candy or bake sale, undoubtedly, the effort would have been greater. But, when it came time to work hard to educate and organize parents around the fight to address the issue of an increase in funding to their districts, many

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**Condo Project Okayed**

by Denise M. Germain

**PLAINFIELD** — During a standing room only public session last Monday (April 1), the Plainfield City Council unanimously approved a \$358,000 grant for a proposed handicapped housing project.

The grant, which consists of funds from the state Department of Community Affairs and funds from the federal Housing and Urban Development program was awarded to purchase six 2-bedroom condominiums for use by the Association for the Advancement of the Mentally Handicapped (AAMH) in the former Aircon's building on Front Street.

This issue had been debated back and forth since December, due to the council's concerns about parking availability, the feasibility of having condos downtown and the question of will the developer complete the total project or will he just finish the six units slated for sale to the AAMH.

Before the formal role call vote, Marshall Bord, assistant director of the agency, was praised

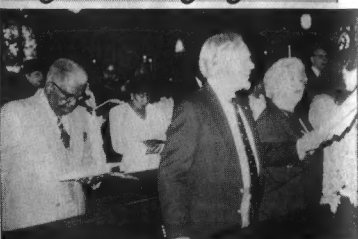
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**An historic merger of congregations**

by Freddie Robinson

**PATERSON** — The bright, sunny and early spring-like Sunday morning could not have been better. Not only was it a picture perfect day for the "moment" of Easter, but there was also much happiness over an achievement for some Paterson churchgoers: the merger of their two congregations into a birth of a new church.

Two landmark Presbyterian churches — Central Presbyterian on Ward Street and The Church of the Messiah on Rosa Parks Boulevard at Van Houten St. — united last Easter Sunday into one, United Presbyterian. Both seemingly were an uncommon and unlikely unity, for one was predominantly African-American, the other predominantly white. While at Messiah (the merged



Worshippers at United Presbyterian's first Sunday worship service.

congregations' new location) the worshippers are mostly elderly whites who now live in the suburbs, the worshippers from Central are urban working class and

younger. But both churches have experienced a significant decrease in membership, resulting for each in a burdensome financial effort

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**20th Malcolm X Day announced by widow**

(NNPA)—Plans for the 20th annual "Malcolm X Day" observance in Washington, D.C. were announced at the National Press Club by Mrs. Betty Shabazz, widow of the slain Freedom Fighter, and Washington Informer newspaper publisher Calvin Rorick, founder and president of the United Black Fund. This year's celebration will be combined with the campaign for Statehood in the District of Columbia and the South African Support Project for African Liberation, said organizers Malik Edwards and Charles Stephenson.

The month-long observance will begin April 18 with a Malcolm X Award Dinner Tribute "To our shining black prince" followed by a series of events

climaxed by a statehood rally at the historic home of Frederick Douglass in southeast Washington to begin the final drive for "freedom for D.C. citizens by any means necessary," Edwards emphasized Malcolm's 64th birthday is May 19.

Mrs. Shabazz said she was scheduled to speak in several other cities including New York City, Chicago, Des Moines, IA, and Madison, WI. She urged followers of Malcolm to broaden their thinking to support human rights everywhere and emphasized that her husband was not a violent man. "The only violence in which he was involved was his assassination and he was the victim," she said.

# CITY PEOPLE

## People on the move...

Congressman Donald M. Payne, U.S. Representative for the 10th district has received the YMCA's highest honor for volunteers, the 1991 National Treasure Award. East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper was selected to participate in the first Northeast Mayor's Institute on City Design in Cambridge, Mass. Cassandra E. Johnson has been named executive director of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE). Plainfield residents Dabbe Myers, Fourth Ward Leader; Leslie Anderson, Project Development Specialist; Pamela Dunn-Hale, Attorney; Larome Hassan Talley, Account have been honored by the Faheemah S. El-Amin Civic Association for their commitment to make a difference in Plainfield.

## Improve Newark to honor Mayor James

NEWARK — The Improve Newark Program (INP) will honor Newark Mayor Sharpe James and community volunteers at its first annual awards dinner Thursday, April 18, 6 p.m. at Newark's Quality Inn, sponsors announced.

The Awards Dinner Dance is long overdue," said Frank Parnell, Improve Newark Program chairman. "Many people have devoted countless hours to

improving the look and feel of Newark. Now these people will receive recognition for their fine work in Newark's revitalization."

The Improve Newark Program is a non-profit corporation which was created in February 1986. The program enlists the services of the business community, churches, schools, and the community-at-large in an effort to assist those who live and work in the city to improve their neigh-

borhoods and help make Newark a cleaner, safer city.

According to organizers, awards will be given to individuals who have participated in the Improve Newark Program or who have contributed to Newark's revitalization through beautification of their properties, homes and businesses.

Tickets are \$35 for dinner and live entertainment. For further information, call Donna Sey 733-5378.

## Links vote in new members

NORTH BRUNSWICK — The Raritan Valley Chapter of Links, Inc. voted into its organization, four outstanding black women whose talents and accomplishments along with the rest of the women, will enable this group to become more visible and more active to carry out the various exciting activities.

The new members are: Joan Davis, a School Social Worker, from Mountaineside Evelyn Duckett, a Speech pathologist, from East Brunswick; Althea Talamona, a Hospital Administrator, from Plainfield, and Karen Thorburn, a Head Librarian, from Lebanon.

The purposes of the Links are to promote and engage in educational, civic, and intra-cultural activities; to enrich the lives of its members and the larger community by working to develop interest in common goals of achievement.

The specific program facets of this organization are: The Arts-Freedom and the Fine Arts; national Trends and Services and Community Trends and Services. Under these big titles, the women work with youth, young adults, adults, the elderly, the poor, the sick and shut-ins, distribution of food where needed, nursing homes, distribution of clothes, and special projects outside of this area as well as a few third world countries that are in need.

## Coping

by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner



## The most common complaints

"Dear Dr. Faulkner:

I have just begun to read your column. Since I have missed some of your advice to other people, could you please tell me some of the most common problems people write you about?"

Ms. T., Phila., Pa."

Dear Ms. T.:

Here are my brief responses to some of the most common problems that readers of my column, and private patients, ask about.

1) How can I find a compatible mate?

To find a compatible mate, stop searching for sex, wealth and love. Try to find a person who will sincerely be your friend. Don't try to find someone else to make you happy and don't expect the other person to give more than you are willing to give. Make yourself happy. And, finally, be confident enough to make the first move.

2) My mate refuses to use a condom. What should I do?

Drop him like a hot potato. A person should express care about your health by taking sensible steps to protect you from A.I.D.S. Since no one who has contracted the disease has ever fully recovered, sex without proper protection is silly.

3) Does hypnosis really work?

My answer to both questions is yes. Hypnosis is one of the best ways to change negative, unwanted habits to positive, beneficial habits. Hypnosis is not sleep. It is just like deep daydreaming. It can help you to lose

weight, stop smoking, gain confidence, improve your memory, and relax. Find a psychologist who is skilled and experienced.

4) How can I get rid of stress?

A quick stress relief technique is deep breathing. Sit in a comfortable chair (or lie down), close your eyes, inhale deeply, and very slowly, through your mouth. Fill the lungs completely. Hold your breath for two to five seconds. Now, slowly exhale until every ounce of air has been released. Inhale and exhale a total of five times. Repeat the entire procedure every twenty minutes.

5) I beat my child every time he acts bad, but it doesn't seem to help. What should I do?

Immediately stop striking your child, and try to find a good child psychologist who can tell you the proper way to discipline your child. You now risk permanently injuring your child. And making your child hate you. Would you want a person beating you who outweighs you by 150 pounds?


6) How can I know if I have extraneous perception (ESP)?

There is no scientific evidence to support the belief in ESP. Most human beings have five senses (feeling hearing, seeing, smelling and tasting). People who believe that they can predict events, read people's minds or who believe that they have lived in a past life are fooling you and themselves.

NOTE: Readers, if you would like to receive a free stress test, send a stamped, self-addressed, legal sized envelope to Dr. Faulkner at PO Box 50197, Washington, DC 20004.



ESSEX FREELoadERS MEMORIAL ARMY PVT. ROBERT TALLEY—Army Pvt. Robert Talley, a lifelong Newark resident killed in Operation Desert Storm, was memorialized by the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeloaders in a formal resolution sponsored by Freeloaders Board President Joseph Parnell and Freeloaders Johnny Jones and Joseph DiVincenzo at ceremonies at the Hall of Records in Newark. According to the resolution, Robert Talley, who was a 1990 graduate of Barringer High School and attended Broadway Elementary School and Broadway Junior High School, was a young man who wanted to make a significant contribution to society. "After completing High School, Talley enlisted in the U.S. Army, and having completed basic training, was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, The Big Red One, and sent to the Persian Gulf. Army Pvt. Robert Talley, 18 years old, died on February 17, 1991 from friendly fire in the Persian Gulf Conflict. (P-R) Freeloaders Johnny Jones, Joseph DiVincenzo, Board President Joseph Parnell, and Talley's grandmother Lou Anne Morrow, and Deborah Talley.



Recognizing Those Who Dare To Soar

**CITY NEWS**  
**EAGLE AWARD**  
recipient  
**Leonard Coleman**

Of the philosophies and descriptions Len Coleman uses to characterize himself, one is conspicuous — "conservative." The term betrays his nature as a Senior Vice President at Kidder-Peabody, President of the Boys and Girls Club of Newark, Director of the Bishop Tutin Scholarship Fund, and Chairman of the One-to-One program.

A high school football All-American from Montclair High, the former halfback, along with past professional stars Franco Harris and Jack Tatum, comprised the 1967 All State backfield. He was the first African-American to score a touchdown for Princeton University, lived in Kenya four years, and worked as a Management Consultant for 17 years on the African continent.

For some, these worthy credentials might depict the trappings of conservatism, appearing to have moved more from an Ivy League mindset than the earthly pragmatism he preaches.

The problem comes with the Lester Bowie Principal: The jazz trumpeter said, "The real revolutionary is one who isn't apparent."

While Len Coleman's success is as apparent as a 2 Live Crew concert at Mormon headquarters, and may or may not draw a conservative portrait, his prescription for the myriad woes of African-Americans speaks to radical action needed on the part of his people and is not so clearly seen.

"We have to get into the economic mainstream," he notes. "There has to be a balance

We need to be involved in more boards of directors...and we have to continue to strengthen minority institutions.



between the public sector and the private sector, especially in the Northeast. Atlanta provides a visible example. It's a pure fact that minority businesses hire minority people.

"And you still cannot down play racism," he continued. "That obviously is a major factor. As a group we have to pressure the system. It just doesn't happen. People don't yield power voluntarily."

The "conservative" tag is clearly a misnomer. The harnessed passion with which he speaks underscores the pressing call to action he makes to black America.

"We need to be involved in more boards of directors," he says. "And we have to continue to

strengthen minority institutions. That's why the City News is so important. You have to have your own media."

Translated, African-Americans must portray their own images and preferences. The fact that for many this piece is an introduction to Len Coleman is proof of that necessity. Front page glory left Len soon after those fabled days of 1967, although success continued to be a companion.

It is not the front page he focuses on, however. That is not where board decisions are found, or where stocks are bought and sold, or where quarterly profits are revealed. And it is not where the Len Colemans, sans football cleats, are found.

The Randall Cunninghams and Magic Johnsons are not accidental, and neither is Len Coleman. "Every step you take in life is because someone has influenced you," the father of three offers. "As a society and as a race we must go in and mentor and share ourselves (with young people)."

City News is proud to have Len Coleman as its first recipient of the City News Eagle award, recognizing the contributions of positive role models in the community. The increased spotlight on those stars among us who do not pack the Meadowlands will increase the chances of more African-Americans appearing on the boards of directors which Len believes is necessary for progress. When that happens, it will be anything but the result of conservatism.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 5 p.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Keen College. For information call 201-527-2210.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

PLAINFIELD—Fleishner Lamaze course also on the 17th & 18th at Mulhern Regional Medical Center, Randolph Road and Park Avenue, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information call 908-668-2353.

PLAINFIELD—Three part coloring course sponsored by the Diabetes Center of NJ for individuals on a low-fat, low-sodium or low-sugar diet. Class begins at 7 p.m. at Mulhern Regional Medical Center, Randolph Road & Park Ave., from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information call 908-668-2353.

MILBURN—All area women interested in learning more about the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills are invited to an international meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the League headquarters, 105 Main Street, Milburn. For information call 201-379-9555.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

WESTFIELD—Handle with care workshop will provide information on proper storage, care and display of historical paper materials at the County Annex Building from 8:30 to 3 p.m. For information call 908-558-5550.

PLAINFIELD—Mothers' Center of Central NJ will conduct a sale of excellent condition, used children's spring and summer clothing from 9 to 11 a.m. For information call 908-755-9050.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

CRANFORD—Union County College will hold an international Cultural Festival from noon to 5 p.m. on the Cranford Campus. 5-Kilometer "Spring Run" at 11:30 a.m. For information call 908-709-7552.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

PLAINFIELD—Infant care classes at Mulhern Regional Medical Center, Randolph Road and Park Avenue, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information call 908-668-2353.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Board of Education Public Hearing and Adoption of 1991-92 Budget.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Board of Education Executive Session, Maxson at 6:30 p.m.

PLAINFIELD—Infant care classes at Mulhern Regional Medical Center, Randolph Road and Park Avenue, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information call 908-668-2353.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

ENGLEWOOD—The African American Doll of New York and New Jersey will sponsor a Trip to Aunt Liv's Toys Museum and Lunch at Sylvia's Restaurant in New York. Contact Englewood Public Library, Box 630. For information call 201-568-4709.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

JERSEY CITY—"Heaven's Above" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center This

is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hightburn Hall. For information call 201-947-3994.

MORRISTOWN—"Animals, It's Their World Too" a three day conference at Headquarters Plaza Hotel. For information call 201-927-5611.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

NEW BRUNSWICK—17th Annual New Jersey Folk Festival from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the Englewood Institute Lawn, Englewood, NJ. Haitian American culture highlighted.

UNION—Rich Gasperi Bodybuilding Clinic at 7 p.m. Union High School. Information call 201-568-1360.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 10 a.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college. For information call 201-527-2210.

Take the "Passport to Adventure" of the seventh annual fund raising occasion of Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc.

Proceeds will provide emergency assistance to families and individuals in need, 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

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## A challenge to make a difference

by Chaka Fatta

PHILADELPHIA — The determinants of life in America are moving further and further away from the needs, aspirations, and dreams of our people. We understand that economic and international policies are important to the contexts within which we live our lives. But, daily it appears increasingly as though the fruits of these policies are ends in themselves, and that we the people have become pawns being manipulated in the achievement of those ends. We are sent off to war in the name of international order. We are hired and laid off as economic fortunes ebb and flow. We are increasingly viewed as cogs in a great impersonal wheel that turns on power politics and money.

In the meantime, the fabric of life in our communities is weakening almost beyond repair. Young lives are repeatedly snuffed out by drug related crime. Vacant and vandalized buildings plague our neighborhoods. Our children go uneducated, and the nation's urban centers are disintegrating right before our very eyes. These are the symptoms of crisis which, if left unchecked, will threaten the hope of the world which this great nation represents.

Let me be characterized as whining victims; let us remind ourselves that we are a self-governing people. What happens in this country is our responsibility. If our democracy is to remain a government of the people, by the people, for the people, we must effect a major transformation of priorities which will redirect our resources toward policies and programs which empower the human spirit — policies and programs which make life work on a human scale, in terms of human values.

I am writing here to challenge you to join in an ongoing effort to effect that transformation. The proposed battlefront of this effort is America's cities. The great plains of this country are the nation's heart; but the great cities are its mind and nerve and sinew. The problems of urban areas with their high concentrations of people, systems, and economic activity, affect far more than the populations within their borders. A national drive to save our cities, with the attending improvement in the quality of life, job creation, and stimulus to the economy, will benefit us all.

This is no idle challenge. We have a specific plan for revitalizing the nation's 100 largest cities within a ten-year period. This plan has been favorably received by The White House, Members of Congress, State House and Senate Representatives, national organizations like the National Newspaper Publishers Association and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, chambers of commerce, public utility officials, municipal unions, police commissioners, school superintendents, and urban university presidents. The success of this plan will be determined solely by the measure of political will garnered in its support.

And so we ask you to engage. We must present the details of our plan to save our cities. We need to develop strategies to make this plan a reality. We need to present urban revitalization issues and opportunities for consideration, and supply very specific information about on becoming involved to make urban life work for you, your family, and your community.

Our objective should be nothing less than to define and mobilize the national will to save American cities. The goal is not a trivial one. It will not be easy, and it will not happen overnight. I am convinced, however, that all of us working together can provide the leadership needed to see it through.

Chaka Fatta is a State Senator from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and can be contacted at 4104 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19104, (215) 387-6404.



Pennsylvania State Senator Chaka Fatta

## Is South Africa's 4th administration of "change" succeeding?

by Daniel Maroien

The four most recent administrations in South Africa, which spanned the period 1961 through 1991, a period of thirty years, have been very interesting ones. I refer to the administrations of Prime Minister Hendrik F. Verwoerd, Prime Minister John B. Vorster, President P.W. Botha, and now, President F.W. de Klerk. All of these four administrations promised South Africa and the world change. It is also interesting to note that all these heads of state were Afrikaners of Dutch descent, and their respective administrations were constantly under internal and external global pressure for change and the end of the heinous system of apartheid which turned the indigenous Africans into non-citizens, voiceless and non-people in their own land of origin.

Under internal and external world pressure in 1961, Prime Minister Hendrik F. Verwoerd, architect and champion of South Africa's notorious racially segregationist apartheid, withdrew South Africa from the British Commonwealth of Nations and established the Afrikaner-dominated Republic of South Africa.

Verwoerd promised that the Republic would give "separate but equal" development to African South Africans and European South Africans. But, since Verwoerd's assassination by a fellow white person inside parliament in 1966, no equal development has taken place in South Africa where a white minority dominates the black bulk of the population.

In 1975, Verwoerd's successor, Prime Minister John B. Vorster, also under intense internal and world pressure... squirmed, "Give South Africa only six more months, and apartheid will be a thing of the past." But fifteen years have passed since John Vorster made that plaintive cry, and apartheid is still very much in place. In 1982, Vorster's successor, President P. W. Botha, also under internal and external pressures, and economic sanctions, told South Africa and the world community of nations that apartheid was "outdated," and it should be "abolished." President Botha then went on to promise South Africa and all of mankind a new constitution which would end apartheid. But, President Botha's 1983 constitution was political disaster which worsened the racial situation in the country. Botha's ethnically-

oriented "tri-cameral parliament" totally excluded all 29,000,000 Africans from citizenship and the franchise! When Botha was finally forced to relinquish the presidency in 1989, the racial situation in the country was at the height of turmoil!

Only two years ago, President Botha was succeeded by President F.W. de Klerk. Soon after his ascendancy to the presidency, President de Klerk, also under extreme internal and external pressures and economic sanctions and opposition... promised to end apartheid; release political prisoners; urban ANC and other restricted black political organizations, and turn South Africa into a non-racial and democratic nation. But, until this third month of 1991, the pillars of apartheid are still very much in place!

When ANC Deputy President Nelson Mandela came to the U.S.A. in mid-1990, he told America that apartheid was still very much in place. To this day, South Africa hasn't moved an inch from apartheid and white domination. And the country is in turmoil and apartheid's brutal workings are killing thousands of African South Africans. All rumors about change are misinformation, propaganda, exaggeration, deception or simple fantasy.

While domination and minority rule are still in place, and Nelson Mandela's efforts towards democratization are being foiled by President de Klerk's delaying tactics. And, what is worse, South Africa is daily being drawn into genocide, civil war and anarchy.

Without doubt, President de Klerk isn't different from his predecessors, P.W. Botha, John B. Vorster and Hendrik F. Verwoerd. And everything points to the fact that de Klerk's administration will end without seeing South Africa becoming a non racial democracy.

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## Editorial

### Institutions that serve us need our support

While many of us continue to wine and dine, with one dinner celebration after another, as though these functions have a life of their own, our major institutions are vanishing before our eyes. The NAACP, Urban League, Operation PUSH, The Apollo and other organizations and contestations that have been the life blood of our struggle for equality now are struggling to exist financially and spiritually.

Have the organizations lost touch with the people, the struggle, the pulse, or have the people lost touch and the focus of the struggle, the organization's needs, or their own responsibility to the next generation. It is difficult, if not impossible, to determine what really has happened. The fact remains, our institutions are our responsibility.

We are better educated and make better incomes than our forebears, yet we are less willing to finance our organizations and institutions. It seems as if our millionaire singers, basketball players, baseball players and others have forgotten the struggle, the people, and how they got the opportunity, you say. So be it; however, it is not up to anyone of us to wait and place blame. With over 30 million African Americans, each could give a dollar a week and provide the budget for most of our organizations without them needing to raise money. Our organizations may need to rethink how they will spend their resources.

We must seriously evaluate our organizations and decide which still have a viable role and make every effort to strengthen them. Likewise we must regain a will to truly appeal to the people and demand their support. We must be more persistent in creating and supporting the institutions that are necessary to improve our communities.

## Kids get shafted, again

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officials ducked for cover, closed their eyes, and hoped that someone other than themselves would do the work. Yeah, these are the same folks who always talk about loving the kids. They are the same people who receive their paychecks because of the issues that they are supposed to support. Yet, until talk of cutbacks or layoffs of school personnel, or salary freezes occurs, there doesn't seem to be any incentive to struggle or fight. Now that the "sellout" has taken place, words of protest are heard, and stones are now thrown at the governor, assembly members.

Governor Florio definitely attempted to pressure out. So what else is new? His political strategists and pollsters have obviously advised him to look at the demographic charts and statistics, and act accordingly. While people may not want to deal with this unpleasant reality, voter turnout collectively in the thirty school districts identified as being "special needs" are significantly lower than in some of the wealthier and more affluent districts. So what if caring about the children in these districts was wanting to right the wrongs of the past is being correct? Fairness and honesty have found very few friends in the political arena, while a "dog eat dog" is the general rule.

Members of the assembly, receiving no real pressure on them from the constituency or leadership in these districts, decided that they wouldn't have to pay any significant price for their votes. They responded to the demands of the suburban school superintendents and officials, because they felt that voters in these

areas would hold them accountable in upcoming elections. Fairness means nothing to them. Political survival is the issue, but the meaning of survival for them is getting reelected — not doing what is right.

These realities are sad, but oh, so true! One could hypothesize that the reason behind the dismantling of the OEA legislation, but the policies are very blatant and clear. They knew they could get away with it — as long as they could avoid any real concerns about the consequences.

Parents and concerned citizens should be outraged in these thirty school districts. They should not only remember their legislators' names, and how they voted on these issues, but they should hold their mayors, city council members, school superintendents and board members accountable. You can easily determine if their efforts were serious or not. Did you receive any literature or material from the schools asking for support, and help in lobbying for equity in education? Were rallies planned in your towns? Did your school superintendents take the lead in the fight? Did they utilize the resources available to them in the school district? Were letter writing campaigns organized to let legislators know how parents, students and community residents feel about the issues? Did the local leadership work together in a coordinated effort to focus lobbying efforts in the assembly? Were you kept informed and updated about the issue? If the answer is no, then you will undoubtedly have no problems in finding out the reasons why our children have been given the shaft, once again.

## Quote of the Week

Let us be characterized as whining victims, let us remind ourselves that we are a self-governing people. What happens in this country is our responsibility. ...we must effect a major transformation [to] empower the human spirit.

Chaka Fatta  
State Senator, Pennsylvania

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### By Connie Woodruff

It's headache time in Newark again.

It's time to realign the city's five ward so that ward populations are balanced within 10 percent of each other.

The responsibility of this chaotic chore is up to the Newark Ward Commission of five members of the Essex County Board of Elections appointed by the Governor.

Councilman-at-large Donald Tucker predicts some rough days ahead for the commission primarily because out of five members, only two are from Newark. According to councilman-at-large Gary Harris if members of the commission do not know the "ins and outs" of the city, difficult is putting it mildly.

In the past, disagreement on alignment involved only white and black politicians. This year, like it or not, Hispanics must be taken into serious consideration because Newark has one of the largest Hispanic populations in New Jersey.

Once again controversial census figures will be the basis for deciding where the new ward boundaries will be placed. Tucker estimated the North Ward could lose 7,000 people from a population of 62,516; and the Central Ward, which has 44,448 residents stands to gain 9,000.

Nobody knows how the commission will realign boundaries, but North Ward councilman Carlos Canino is already planning a strong citizen action "If they start

making crooked lines and start coming into the middle of my ward instead of drawing straight lines."

Since the advent of the Mayor-Council form of government many decades ago, there have never been straight lines separating Newark's five wards. The North Ward is bounded partially by the Central and West Wards and both have considerably fewer folks than the North Ward.

If you're confused, worry not. So is everybody else at this point. A State Reapportionment Commission has already realigned legislative districts that have added and eliminated Assemblymen and State Senators.

The new Senate-Assembly changes will probably not add any significant numbers of blacks to the legislature which means those blacks in office will have to continue fighting off other blacks while the chance to serve as an elected official will continue to circulate in the white community.

As for Newark's realigned districts, the city council is so anxious to have a "fair distribution" they will hire an outside expert to deal with the question. But from the beginning Newark voters have had to wrestle with this problem. The new shift is sure to expand the Central Ward boundaries and councilman George Branch will have his work cut out for him.

For as long as he's been councilman Branch has only had to tap one or two of the ward's senior citizen housing complexes.

And finally, the African-American community must stop waiting around for new leaders to lead them "into a promised land." They must be their own leaders. Dr. King taught them that, saying that he might not get to that plateau of a racialist society, but that they must push on to finish the business that was left unfinished. To wait around for a Moses-type of "deliverer" just won't happen.

Problems of all sorts, big or small, are opportunities — opportunities to move mountains and take things happen. And further, under. Effects like the African-American community's undergoing now, is a perfect time to make a great leap forward, taking the bull by the horns, and fighting all the way for human self-esteem and perfection. Once this is achieved, harmony and happiness are the added icing to the cake.

The cake being the racially-tolerant democracy being sought. So no more tears, but plenty of fight in the fist and pushing on to attain and hold on to one's self-worth as significant African-Americans in today's society.

Mark McLaughlin  
Ocean City

That's the only way the African-American community is going to triumph over racist bigotry of this sort, and no other way. African-American history's proven that. Only when you quit will you be a failure in life, not just as an African-American, but as a human being, especially.

Combating poverty is a complex task. Lack of education, employment, job skills, and more are part of the overall cycle of (Continued on page 6)

## As I See It...

Newark Police Director Claude Coleman doesn't seem to be particularly worried about rumors of his impending departure.

But when word leaked that his successor may be a deputy police superintendent from Boston, a lot of Coleman's friends and the men who serve under him were ready to go to war against Mayor Sharpe James.

Seems like several of the brothers want to replace Coleman but when it appeared that Charlie Knox would get the nod they backed down. Now that Knox accepted an appointment as chief law enforcement officer for the NY-NJ Port Authority, the guys who thought they deserved a chance are at it again.

They were joined by East Ward Councilman Hank Martinez (a former Newark cop) who wrote Mayor James to inform him that (Martinez) will oppose the nomination of William Celestier if the Bostonian's name is submitted. Martinez cited Newark's "wealth of talent" and said he is "distressed" because the mayor finds it necessary to look elsewhere for a police director.

Count your blessings that local politicians still keep tickets to their cocktail parties and dinners under \$250. Friends of Assemblyman Wayne Bryant of Camden are charging \$400 per when they honor him last this month.

The Larrie W. Starks Civic Assn. will honor the Essex County Register at a "Spring Soiree" on April 18 and for your \$50 ticket, plenty of eats and drinks and entertainment too.

If I was George Branch I'd have the welcome wagon out every time I saw a moving van in my neighborhood (the too lives in Society Hill).

It's really hot for the asking. It's been reported that the Essex County Republicans have agreed to support Louis Greenleaf as the organizational candidate. That means he can get the Republican "line" on the ballot, for whatever it's worth.

Meantime, Newark council president Ralph Grant is going all out to win the Democratic nomination for Sheriff. He made it official at a rally on the steps of Newark city hall and had some of his celebrity friends on hand to add to the glum.

## LETTERS

### Food for thought on lazy blacks

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

Being an avid reader of *CITY NEWS*, I'd like to add a few bits of "food for thought" over this issue of "Blacks being considered lazy and useless in American society."

First, the stereotype of lazy blacks, but if the African-American community would stop letting bigots who utter it get their goats and fight back, they could change the stereotype of filth from the mouths of American ignoramus.

It was Joseph P. Kennedy who said, "Don't get mad; Get even!" Don't waste your tears on hurtful things, but get results! Action, rather than hurt feelings and resentful indignation, should be applied to fight and wipe out this diseased racist slur from American bigots.

Secondly, I'd like to quickly tell you about an experience a good friend of mine had, who regularly visits penitentiaries and has some legal training. One day, he visited the cell of an African-American man, doing life for a very brutal rape murder of a woman in Philadelphia. He asked him why he did what he did, and the man responded with a most

pitiful answer. He told him he had nothing to lose by doing what he did. He told my friend he felt no sense of worth, no purpose to life at all, and that one should grab what he can in the world, giving us no reason for the finger.

For as long as he's been a prisoner, he's been a racist society, but that they must push on to finish the business that was left unfinished. To wait around for a Moses-type of "deliverer" just won't happen.

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Mark McLaughlin  
Ocean City

### Matinez letter urges James to promote from within

Dear Mayor James:

The front page article in this morning's *Record* reporting that you have initiated talks with William Celestier, deputy police superintendent from Boston, caught me quite by surprise. I was surprised because you did not indicate to me, or solicit my opinion — or to my knowledge, did you approach any of my colleagues on the Council about this matter that is of great importance to the city.

Taken at face value, the article is very distressing. Since you were not directly quoted, it is possible that its source and accuracy may be questionable. If it is an accurate account, I will go on record now as opposing this nomination and will urge the Council colleagues to oppose the nomination when it comes before the Council for ratification, as required by the city charter and state statutes.

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### Child Watch

## Hope for the inner cities

by Marian Wright Edelman

Oakland and Milwaukee have their share of poverty, crime and violence. They have teenage births, low birthweight babies and infant mortality rates above the national average. Working to chip away at the barriers and problems takes time and unwavering commitment.

Fortunately there are some effective programs addressing inner city children's needs. There are organizations in the Oakland and Milwaukee communities are making a difference for our children.

The Oakland-based Urban Strategies Council is a nonprofit, public policy organization founded by Angela Blackwell. The group works "to bring together public officials, community activists, business leaders and academics to initiate strategies to combat persistent poverty," according to Angela.

Combating poverty is a complex task. Lack of education, employment, job skills, and more are part of the overall cycle of (Continued on page 6)



Olympic hopeful or urban hopeless?

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## CAN'T TOUCH THIS

### We can do this: Why the Hip Hop movement is running things in the 90's

by Terry Benjamin

Things are about to get real hectic as we move toward another hip hop summer with James Brown, the real Godfather of Soul, back on the streets after a two year layover in a South Carolina prison and rappers exploding on the screen (New Jack City with Ice-T, The Hard Way with L.L. Cool J) and on the concert scene as well as the over abundance of new rap singles and albums gobbling up consumer dollars like a Greedy Gremlin. The Hip Hop Movement inspired by James Brown, is the voice of young Black America, speaking out on music, culture, and politics.

(i.e. Rich Little, Three Men And A Baby, the Pillsbury Doughboy, etc.) pale in comparison. It is no coincidence that Yo! MTV Raps, with former graffiti artist and now video director Fab Five Freddy as host, rules TV on Saturday Night. The Hip Hop Movement is picking up steam, breaking out all over, running things.

"From his award-winning student film, *Ice-T's Red Sky Burial*, to his first feature, *She's Gotta Have It*, to his newest, *Do The Right Thing*, (Spike) Lee has done more to demystify the Black Experience not only in Brooklyn, but nationally and, in a psychic sense, globally, too, than any other director in recent memory."

Barry Michael Cooper co-writer New Jack City and creator of the term "New Jack Swing" from *Do The Right Thing* by Spike Lee with Lisa Jones p.15

This music has been visual equivalent in the works of Black filmmakers like Spike Lee (*Mo' Better Blues*), the Hudlin Brothers (*House Party*), Robert Townsend (*The Five Heartbeats*) and Mario Van Peebles (*New Jack City*). This is the impulse that drives Keenan Ivory Wayans' *In Living Color*, a comedy show that is just too funky for a whole lot of folks. Yet it is the audacity of this vision that has made blacks the style setters for yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

And because this energy won't go away, this Hip Hop Movement has closed generation gaps, showing the power of black music. Look for more mainstream artists to incorporate the hip hop attitude into their musical careers.

"When I do rap, I do it totally different. Not to take anything away from these kids, but when you see James Brown, you see it all."

James Brown from *The Godfather of Soul* is on parade, USA Today, Feb. 21, 1991.



So grab the spear of life and aim it And you'll be guided by Education

KRS-ONE Education

The basis for the Hip Hop Movement is young blacks getting together and doing things for themselves, whether it be rap music or filmmaking. The focus of this Movement is best summed up in KRS-ONE's concept of "Education," the fusion of education and entertainment.

As Spike Lee explains it in *Do The Right Thing*, his book on his movie, "I hope to further demystify the filmmaking process. Film is no hocus pocus magic stuff. That's what Hollywood wants you to believe so you don't attempt to tell your own stories."

This demystification of the process of making art has unleashed a tidal wave of black creativity that has some similarities with the Renaissance of the 20's and the Black Arts Movement of the 60's. There is one major difference.

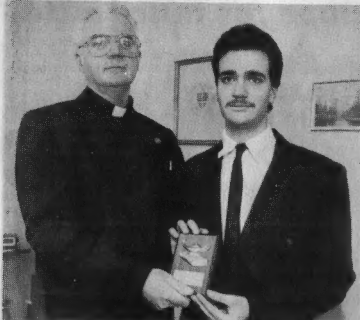
These young creators have created a true community of artists that reaches from coast to coast with New York meeting Los Angeles, Los Angeles meet-

ing Philadelphia and mutual respect and cooperation has made it possible for any new jack rapper with the right stuff to be welcomed into the hip hop family. All they have to do is respect the roots of this music that sprang up in the South Bronx with a true love for black people and black culture.

This current reality will continue to nurture a savvy group of rap artists that will crossover from their music to the silver screen. Ice-T and L.L. Cool J are not accidents; their performances on their records, on concert stages, and in music videos have prepared them for a fruitful future on the silver screen. While L.L. is looking around for his next screen project, Ice-T has already been signed to star in *Ricochet*, an action picture with Oscar winner Denzel Washington.

Rappers, the personification of the Hip Hop Movement, are living large, influencing the way we look at the total Black Experience and this insight/outlook has effected the world. Case in point: M.C. Hammer recently rocked the house at the Tokyo Dome, selling out shows in an arena that seats 46,000 Japanese fans. Rappers are getting paid and "blowing up" live band grooves, a sure sign that the Hip Hop Movement is running things, proving the humanistic value of black culture and creativity. This will surely unleash the creativity of other young blacks who will say in a loud, youthful, exciting voice: "We can do this!"

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Newark resident Mike Albanese (r.) was among the fifteen students at St. Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City, who received the Prep Spirit Award for the first semester. Recognized for outstanding leadership and dedication to St. Peter's, Mike is pictured with Rev. Thomas F. Denny, S.J., principal at the Jesuit school.

## Rape Crisis Center forms victims support group

UNION COUNTY—A new support group for teenaged girls 13 to 16 years old who have been victims of rape has been started at the Union County Rape Crisis Center, announced James Connelly Welsh, Union County Frocholder Chairman.

"There are now five support groups at the center, including two for adult female survivors of incest, one for adult female survivors of rape, and a group for mothers of incest survivors," said Welsh. "Each group meets for a period of eight weeks."

Other services at the center, located at 300 North Ave., East, Westfield, include a 24-hour hotline, accompaniment at the hospital and through the court process, consultation to agencies and individuals working with survivors and a speakers bureau.

"All services are free and confidential and are provided to survivors, friends and family members," said Welsh.

The center is a program under the Division of Planning, Department of Human Services. For information call 233-1273, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday.



"You see what drugs do to the people and how the drug king is put down. It's a piece of education."

Mario Van Peebles, Director, New Jack City from *When Life Begins* (Time, Mar. 23, 91)

tics, and compatible to all others down with its funky examples of self-determination and self-definition has broken into the media mainstream with a vengeance, making all initiatives

## PT's clubhouse

### Old Business:

Answers to the April 3rd's P.T.'s Clubhouse

> fawn, kitchen, chick, baby, gosling, puppy, lamb, cub

> IT'S TIME TO RHYME!

> mouse-house, time-climb, beat-neat, cow-how, coat-boat,

car-far, tin-tin, love-dove

I live really far so you have to use a car.

It will be windy on the boat so you will have to wear your coat.

If you live in a house you might have a mouse.

Each of my kin put a quarter in his tin.

### What's Cooking?

In the word search below, find 14 words that describe things you would find in a kitchen.

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### WORD SCRAMBLE

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## Ringmaster Bob Conrad at Hooray for Children

NEWARK — The April "Hooray for Children" live performance will feature the very popular Bob Conrad. He will appear in The Newark Public Library, Centennial Hall, on Saturday afternoon, April 20, at 2:30 p.m.

Conrad will offer a varied program with magic tricks, puppets, ventriloquism, balloon tricks, and sleight of hand. The audience is invited to participate during the performance.

Admission to the program is free. The Library is at 5 Washington Street. For further information call 733-7731.

## The Turtle Back Zoo visits Newark Public Library

Repeating its very successful appearances of past years, the Turtle Back Zoo will have a selection of small animals to share. The Newark Public Library branches during the months of April and May. In the past, these included a white snake, or rabbit, or a woodchuck.

The following is the Branch schedule of appearances:  
Thursday, April 11 2:30 p.m. Weequahic  
Friday, April 12 3:00 p.m. Clinton  
Wednesday, Apr. 24 3:00 p.m. Springfield  
Wednesday, May 1 3:00 p.m. Vailsburg  
Friday, May 3 3:00 p.m. Mt. Vernon  
Thursday, May 9 2:30 p.m. Madison

Since the Turtle Back Zoo will not bring out its animals in bad weather, please check with your local library of telephone 733-7731 for information.

Admission to the program is free.

## Fishing Derby for kids

UNION COUNTY — The Newark Bait and Flycasting Club and the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation will host the Club's annual week-long trout Fishing Derby beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 13 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 20. The derby will be held at Echo Lake Park, for youngsters ages 16 and under.

Froeholder Vice Chairman, Elmer Erdt, announced that "Registration for the derby will open at Echo Lake Park at 6:00 a.m. on the first day of the contest. Participants also have the option of pre-registering at Dave's Sporting Goods, on Suyvest Avenue, in Union."

For the derby the Newark Bait and Flycasting Club will stock the lake with 400 trout. They will also provide prizes, including rods, reels, tackle boxes and more, for several categories of competition. The derby will be held rain or shine.

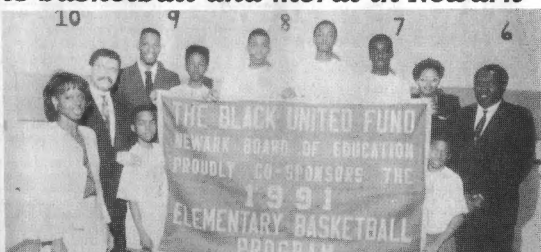
The Club also wishes to remind anglers over age 16 who is fishing that they must possess a valid New Jersey fishing license.

## BUF boosts basketball and moral in Newark

NEWARK—Bessie Walker, coordinator of Newark school athletic program, credits the Black United Fund of New Jersey (BUF/NJ) Executive Board with boosting morale for the 700 members of the elementary school basketball league. BUF/NJ recently donated uniforms for the 1991 spring basketball season.

Walker said, "This is the first time an organization has come forth to sponsor our elementary basketball league. Sponsorships are common for secondary sports teams and rare for the younger students, so we are enthused to receive assistance on the elementary school level. BUF/NJ has helped to improve self-esteem among the players and has gotten the season off to a strong start."

Elmaro Webster, a BUF/NJ executive board member, heard about the co-ed teams and the need for uniforms. The championship tournament will be held in May and Webster said he was concerned that the students might have to play without uniforms. After presenting his concerns to the BUF/NJ executive board, Webster encouraged the school



Elmaro Webster, (second from left) an executive Board member of the Black United Fund of New Jersey (BUF/NJ), joins Newark Board of Education representatives and students during a program in honor of the spring basketball season. BUF/NJ donated \$10,000 to the school system's elementary co-ed basketball team to assist the program. Left to right: Cheryl Eason, president, Co. Ventures II who printed the uniforms, Elmaro Webster, Ivan Holmes, coach, Louise A. Spencer schools, and Rev. Perry Simmons Jr., president, Newark Board of Education.

district's Physical Education Division to submit a proposal for funding.

Based on the division's proposal and goals that stress academics along with athletics, BUF donated a \$10,000 grant to purchase uniforms for all 700 male and female players, two banners and first-place trophies for the May championship games.

The elementary school basketball league, now in its sixth year, has grown from 18 to 56

teams. There are five divisions (3 males, 2 females) in the league. The top teams from each division take part in the play-offs, with the final two female and male teams playing for the city championship.

## RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

**PLAINFIELD**—The Women's Day Committee of Mt. Zion AME Church, 525 West Fourth Street, Plainfield, celebrates Women's Day with the theme "Women of the Heavenly King: Marching to Zion," sponsoring a Luncheon Fashion Show featuring Emily Miles and the Bel Monte Models, Saturday, April 13, from 12-4 p.m. at the Coachman Inn. Chairperson is Sherri Alexander.

**WASHINGTON**—NJ-Eucharistic Adoration and Reparation at 7 p.m. at the National Blue Army Shrine.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

**NEW YORK**—McDonald's Gospel-Fest preliminaries at First Church of God in Christ in Queens. For information call 212-527-8800.

# Religion v. drugs, which way to spirituality?

by Elder C. Nickerson Bolden

"Religion," declared Karl Marx, the father of Marxism, is the opiate, (the medicine containing opium) of the people.

Unfortunately, Marx is dead and cannot see the problems of today caused by opium, crack-cocaine and marijuana. While religion may not be everyone's choice, it can never be said to have caused problems associated with drugs.

As a result, our streets are plagued with gang-warfare. Homes have been broken into and broken up.

What can be said about the nature of man that seeks the "trip" or the "high" associated with drugs? What is it about reality

that causes individuals to seek for its escape?

I ask these questions for a sincere answer; I have none.

Could it be that what we learned in Sunday School about the spirit of man is correct? Could it be that man is just basically spirit? Could it be that there is more to this life than apparent reality?

If these questions are affirmative, could it be that drugs are a step towards finding spirituality? If so, drugs are actually in competition with religion. Both give mankind a concept of spirituality.

Drugs do have a medical benefit. They can provide relief to the sick. But because of constant use, drug abuse gets out of control. Is

the search for spirituality through the use of drugs worth the cost?

"Wise men shall seek Him!" It might sound true but imagine if we could all follow the standards of spirituality set in the religious guidelines of the Bible.

Jesus told his followers, "Ye are the salt of the earth." If the salt loses its flavor, what good is it? Somebody has to speak up and say wrong is wrong and right is right. How long can the world stand upon the pat New Age response that, "You have your truth and I have my truth."

Man has free choice but how long can the world stand man's decisions? The world is tinkering with nuclear warfare, the environment is being destroyed and we destroy ourselves with substance abuse. This is our reality.

Should we escape this reality with drugs and "trip out?" By the way, where is the trip to and where does it originate? Or should we face reality with new insight?

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the light." In other words, He is the beginning and the ending. If we align ourselves with this higher reality, the de-

pendence upon substance abuse decreases.

Upon realization of this present and future reality, the search for mind alterations ends. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set ye free."

Elder C. Nickerson Bolden is the Director of Development, Amon Bible College and can be reached at 317-547-9541.

## Hope for inner cities

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poverty that make it difficult for anyone to escape. Part of the Council's strategy is working with the Oakland school system to see that children are provided every support needed to receive a decent education—the path to opportunity.

Although the Urban Strategies Council has been active only four years, it has made an important impact. It successfully saved the much-needed Oakland School District's Child Development Centers, assisted in establishing Teenage Assistance Programs for teenage mothers with young children at two of Oakland's high schools, and is in the preliminary stages of building a Mentoring Center to link caring adults with youth.

Angela also co-chairs the Commission for Positive Change, that focuses on providing quality education for Oakland's youth and restoring community pride and confidence in the city's schools. Without her leadership and vision, the outlook for Oakland's children would be dimmer. Two thousand miles away another non-profit, human services agency is working to help children in poor neighborhoods of Milwaukee get the proper medical and social services they need.

The New Concept Self Development Center (NCSDC) is a community organization offering more than 20 early intervention programs designed, to prevent or alleviate teenage pregnancy, child abuse and mental health problems.

NCSDC believes every person has something to offer and

contribute to the well-being of their community. It wants to help children, youth and families recognize their strengths and achieve their fullest potential.

And this program knows what it's doing. An example is the success of their pregnancy prevention program. A follow-up study of 103 girls in their program revealed only three had become teen parents—a much lower rate than girls not involved in any structured program.

The New Concept Self Development Center has been a part of the Milwaukee community for over 15 years, and has a deep-rooted commitment to anyone who walks through its doors. It has helped major public and private institutions in the city become more aware of the need for comprehensive prevention services culturally relevant for black and low-income children and families.

"Our presence makes them aware of the unique needs of blacks," stresses June Martin-Perry, NCSDC's executive director. "They recognize New Concept as a professional, relevant, and persistent voice for those concerns."

Angela and June are persistent voices concerned with the well-being of the black community. But your voice is needed too. Their organizations are hope for change in our nation's cities. When nearly one out of two black children are poor, no one should fall asleep with a clear conscience.

Martin Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children.

## Public hearings in Plainfield

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as he was concerned the hearing was invalid, since the mayor, chief of police, and other city officials with the power to make things happen were not present. In response to this Morgan stated that he did not agree with Ismail, although he couldn't speak for the mayor his commission was trying to acquire information to make some strong recommendations to the city administration.

Emily Washington, who is part of the legal side of the local NAACP, stated when she addressed the commission that often new police officers are trained in Plainfield, then after they complete their training criteria are sent back to their hometowns for jobs. Plainfield tax dollars are paying for police who are using the community as a temporary training class.

Alvin Hannah, father of Uriah, who was recently involved in a questionable incident with the police, stated that when his son Santana was arrested last year, for allegedly breaking into parking meters, that the police

gave him the rumor on telling him if his son was in custody or not, he also said that the police didn't inform him that his son was dead until three days later—he found out through word of mouth in the streets. "What happened to my son could happen to anyone's son," Mrs. Hannah said to the commission. She also stated that she doesn't see any change in the community now, from back to the days when Martin Luther King was walking the earth.

"We never received a call, letter or met in person with the mayor when our son died. We didn't receive any type of sympathy and still haven't." The mayor should do a little better," Mr. Hannah added. The couple plans on continuing to have their voice heard on this issue until justice has been served. They are currently awaiting a response from the mayor, on a letter that was hand delivered to the mayor's office on April 2. The letter reiterates the six demands they stated in a previous letter which they feel will bring them

closer to answers in the death of their son and to rid the department of officers who are disrespecting the African American community.

The next public forum will be Thursday April 11, at the Maxson Middle School on East Seventh and William Street, between the hours of 7 - 10 p.m.

## Historic merger

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in building maintenance and community outreach programs.

Merger discussions between the two churches began several years ago, after more than two failed attempts, according to Donovan Taylor, a newly-elected elder in now United Presbyterian Church.

Despite clear socioeconomic and cultural differences, the two churches shared faith commitments to adhere to Paul's statement to the Galatians: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Jesus Christ." And with 175 members including the youths (all from Central), according to kindergarten Sunday school

teacher Rosetta Gaines, new United Presbyterian is optimistic.

"I think there will be a period of adjustment in which the congregations will have to struggle with some type of balance in music and preaching styles that are relevant to both heritages," said the Rev. Gordon Fraser of the Council of Presbyterian ministries in Paterson. After holding United Presbyterian's first Sunday worship service, Central's 30-year member and Paterson Board of Education administrator, Willie Mac Taylor was enthusiastic, saying, in addition to the prospects and possibilities in such an historic significance, the new congregation's potential for community outreach service has been greatly increased.

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## BILLBOARD

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THURSDAY, APRIL 11

**NEW YORK**—Passes at American Theatre of Act, 314 E. 54th Street, New York. Information call 212-993-0070 or 212-956-9416.

**NEWARK**—Newark MediaWorks, Cella Cinema at Aljira, 2 Washington Place at Broad Street, 4th Floor. Premieres To Sleep With Anger show at 8:45 p.m. Late show 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 8 p.m. Gen. admission \$6, seniors, students w.I.D. \$5, dessert, hot and cold beverages available. For further info call 643-6877.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

**CRAWFORD**—Union County College Selections of paintings and prints from UCC's art collection will be on display this month and May in the Tonnello Art Gallery. Opening reception 8 p.m. Further info call 201-709-7155.

**NEWARK**—Newark MediaWorks, Cella Cinema at Aljira, 2 Washington Place at Broad Street, 4th Floor. To Sleep With Anger show at 8:45 p.m. Late show 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 8 p.m. Gen. admission \$6, seniors, students w.I.D. \$5, dessert, hot and cold beverages available. For further info call 643-6877.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

**PLAINFIELD**—Starting Creators, African-American Art Exhibition and Sale, with Special book signing by featured artist James Ramonno. Noon, 731 West 8th Street. For info call 908-656-7725.

**CRAWFORD**—Union County College presents "Chapman Corner" a.k.a. Friday's mystery. Opens 8 p.m. studio 32, Madley Library. Tickets may be reserved in advance or purchased at the door: \$5 for gen. public, \$5 for UCC student with ID. For further info call 201-709-7555.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

**NEWARK**—Community of the Arts holds workshops at South River Space Synagogue Hall, 53. Information call 301-640-0133.

**PLAINFIELD**—Friends of the Plainfield Public Library presents Andre Spring Concert at 8 p.m. West 8th at Park Avenue, Free.

**PLAINFIELD**—Starting Creators, African-American Art Exhibition and Sale, with Special book signing by featured artist James Ramonno. Noon, 731 West 8th Street. For info call 908-656-7725.

## Nigerian playwright tell tales of oppression

**MONTCLAIR**—The Experimental Theatre Series at Montclair State continues its 1990-1991 season on April 11, 12 and 13 with the staged readings of two one-act plays by playwright Tess Onueime.

The plays tell tales of two Nigerian families whose children rebel against social confinement, government oppression and restrictive parental rule. Their rebellious acts stem from a determination to rid their futures of oppression.

"Some Day Soon" concerns the struggle against governmental rule by pitting father against son in a battle of hope versus the inconceivable idea of success. The lower class Engde convictions no escape from his life, but his son,

Kayode, sees education as the key to unlocking the oppressive governmental grasp.

"Artist Homecoming" portrays the plight of a young girl from the conformity of her restrictive parents and their ruling political class.

Tess Onueime joined the English Department faculty at Montclair State in 1990, inborn in Ogwashi-Uka, Bendel State, Nigeria. Onueime received her Ph.D. in literature from Nigerian University of Benin. She won the Association of Nigerian Authors literary prize for the 1985 drama "The Desert Encroaches." At the In-88 International Book Fair, Onueime received the Distinguished Authors Award.

Both one-act plays will be staged by theatre division faculty member Claudia Chavis. The student cast for "Some Day Soon" will include Stephen Hutchinson, Newark; Jacquetta Scott, Irvington; Roger Derricotte, Newark; Hokiem Green, East Orange; and Abdul Hassan Shariff, Montclair. "Artist Homecoming" will feature performances by Kimberly Dickerson, Willingboro; Cynthia Ebanks, New Brunswick; Stacy Ballau, Passaic; and Ron Nelson, Newark. The narrators for both plays will be Karen Leake Brown, Newark; and Adele Foster Or-

ange. The production staff includes students Kama Chavis, Montclair, as assistant director and stage manager and Karen Love, Montclair, as choreographer. Production design will be by Montclair State faculty member John Figola.

Performances of "Some Day Soon" and "Artist Homecoming" begin at 8 p.m. in Life Hall's Experimental Theatre on the Montclair State Campus. General admission tickets are \$2. Further information may be obtained by calling the Box Office at 201-893-5112.

## Salute to Women in the Arts

by Freddie Robinson

**PATERSON**—An ambitious exhibit of paintings and sculptures—"A Salute to Women in the Arts"—opened last Sunday at the Paterson Museum and will be on display thru April 28, 1991.

A Salute to Women in the Arts was organized in 1974 and it is a nonprofit multi-disciplined arts organization dedicated to recognize, support and "salute" the efforts and achievements of serious women artists. Its members' works have been receiving noted juried recognition for recent exhibits.

"Since joining the organization of feminist artists, I've been experiencing a sort of creative freedom unlike I'd felt in a

largely mixed-gender group," says painter Bix Smethurst.

"Salute" can be viewed Tues-Fri: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.



Clare's "Which Road to Follow" on exhibit at the Paterson Museum

## Tribute to the Duke

**UNION—A** Tribute to Duke Ellington is the theme of the benefit concert that will be performed by Aaron Bell and his jazz quintet on Friday, April 12 at Keen College.

Bell, the former lead

bassist and arranger for the late Duke Ellington. The evening will also feature the sensational vocal trio The Swat Team.

The 8 p.m. performance is a benefit to support the work of the Garden State Chamber Orchestra.

It will be held in the Wilkins Theatre on the Keen College Campus in Union.

The Garden State Chamber Orchestra, the resident chamber orchestra of Keen College, is conducted by Frederick Stoffer.

Meistro Stoffer is also the music director and founder of the group. The orchestra is known throughout the area for its fine musicians and the variety of its programming.

Tickets for the benefit concert are \$15 for general admission and \$7 for students and senior citizens. They are available at the Keen College box office. For further information call (908) 527-2337 or (201) 485-2168.

## Cafe Cinema announces films for Spring Season

**NEWARK**—Cafe Cinema, Newark's Mecca for film lovers, is back for a second season with critically acclaimed films from the United States and around the world. Presented by Newark MediaWorks in cooperation with Aljira, A Center for Contemporary Art, Cafe Cinema also offers a reasonably priced supper, a comfortable atmosphere and a chance to talk with interesting people.

"We're still the only legitimate movie theater in Newark, and our programming rivals any

anywhere," said Christine Vogel, executive director of Newark MediaWorks. The season continues on Thursday, April 11 and Friday, April 12, with Charles Burnett's latest work, *To Sleep With Anger*, starring Danny Glover and Sherry Lee Ralph, the film focuses on the story of a black family originally from the South who have relocated to Los Angeles where the tensions between old way and new are coming to a breaking point. Some have said this film is the most realistic representation a black

family on celluloid.

Future films will include *Wuthering Heights* on April 19 and *Listen Up The Lives Of Quincy Jones*, April 26. General admission is \$6.

Aljira Gallery is located 2 Washington Place on the Fourth Floor. For further information call 201-694-5474.

## Links to present Melange

**NORTH BRUNSWICK**—The Raritan Valley Chapter of Links Inc. will present a "Melange" at the Grant Avenue Community Center, 403 Seventh Avenue, Plainfield, NJ on Sunday April 21, from 3 to 6 p.m. This affair will present to the public some of the activities and concerns of this chapter of Links.

The program will consist of two guest speakers. One will address the issues of our times, such as, drugs, alcoholism and AIDS, and the impact they have on our families. The second speaker will deal with the needs of young children as they try to cope with the obstacles and challenges in our various communities to survive and to succeed.

A dance group plus a few jazz entertainers will also focus upon entertainment as a "medium" to uplift the sights of our young people. Three or four extremely talented youthful artists will also perform. The various art works by the children in an "after school" program will be displayed. Art works by an African American artist depicting family life will also be on display in attractive framing. Some may even be for sale by the artist.

Following the program, there will be a small reception which will allow those attending to greet the participants and to view the beautiful paintings.

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**TOP STORIES: NEW HIT ALBUM PUTS OJAYS BACK ON TOP**  
**BIG DADDY KANE BARES IT ALL**  
**MOTOWN'S LATEST SENSATION**

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**The Ojays—Still Going Strong:** Throughout the sixties, seventies and eighties, the Ojays were making hit singles like "Love Train," "For The Love of Music," "Use Ta Be My Girl" and "Let Me Touch You" and now these same guys, Eddie Levert, Walter Williams and Sammy Strain, are still bustin' the charts in the nineties. While many of the singing groups of the sixties have become a passing memory, they have truly survived the test of time, and with the release of their current single "Don't Let Me Down" (off their "Emotionally Yours" album), the Ojays prove they've still got it going on. Their current single "Don't Let Me Down" is a top five Billboard R&B chart hit. The funny thing is they originally recorded it two years ago for their "Serious" album and decided not to use it. Walter says they even toyed with giving the song away. The album's title track "Emotionally Yours" has got everybody's vote to be the next single. The song, written and originally performed by pop/funk artist Bob Dylan, is a powerful ballad. So much so that the Ojays have two versions of the song on their album. One is sung in an R&B style and the other is a gospel version backed by an altar choir, featuring Glenn Jones, Evelyn "Champayne" King, Levert, Phyllis Hyman, Eric Gable, Keith Sweat, and James "J.T." Taylor. For group members, it was like coming home. The music of the Ojays has always been powerful, and thought-provoking as well as uplifting. In 1972 "Back Stabbers" told like it was, and in 1991 the cut "Something For Nothing" has the Ojays telling like it is. Eddie and Walter Williams co-wrote and produced 10 of the album's songs. (Sammy Strain hasn't really been involved in the production end of things despite constant prodding from Eddie and Walter). Obviously, their track record of over twenty top ten R&B hits, nine gold and three platinum albums bear witness to the fact that the Ojays are doing something right. And they're going to keep on doing it right by touring this summer and by putting out an album of Christmas songs. There are few things in this world that you can count on, particularly when it comes to making good music, and the Ojays continue to be one group that never disappoints... **From the PPAT (People, Places & Things) File:** After more than 17 years at Columbia Records (now Sony Music), Earth Wind and Fire might be signing on with Warner Brothers. The change in labels was more likely due in part to disappointment over the performance of their "Heritage" album... **Big Daddy Kane's latest venture** is sure to make him rap music's first bona fide sex symbol. The rapper has decided to unwrap for the June issue of "Playboy Magazine." Kane's rear end will be on full display, however the frontal view will be delicately obscured by a strategically placed curtain. Kane, who's 23, says he didn't show everything because according to a Warner Brothers Record spokesman, he wanted to leave "something to the imagination." Kane adds he just wanted to "tease" and will do something more explicit in the future! The photo layout, done at his Jamaica Queens, New York home, is not Kane's first brush with public exposure. In his current 30-minute long form video "Chocolate City" he's gets things rolling with a nude shower scene. And during a Richmond, Virginia show he stripped down to his underwear explaining, "It was his birthday." Does this boy sound like an exhibitionist to you? Anyway, how all of this fits with the Nation Of Islam is another matter. Kane is a member of The Nation and expects to get some flack but he says there are just certain things he has to do. The Playt Big Daddy Kane issue hits newsstands April 22nd...Less than a year ago, Chris, Marc, Demetrius, Dave, Remel, and G.A. were just your ordinary bunch of boys, playing b-ball and going to school. Now, these six pimpled preteens who call themselves "The Fresh Prince Band Creators," have become Motown's latest sensation. Their single "Jesha," off of their debut album, "Coolin' At The Playground, New York Now," is steadily climbing up the charts, and the group now is all to BBD member Michael Bivens, who saw their potential without even hearing them sing or dance. They're certainly a group to watch... **Feedback Line:** What's up with LL Cool J and that hat he's always wearing? Well, that's what Kimberly Fuqua of Detroit, wanted to know. In fact, Kimberly LL Cool J wears all kinds of hats, and according to him: "hats are my trademark"...Got a question or a comment on any RadioScope story, just call the Feedback Line at (213) 257-2354.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 19

**ELIZABETH**—New Jersey Association Of Black Housing Administrators annual Awards Banquet, 5:30 p.m. Holiday Inn Jetport. For information call 545-9430.

**JERSEY CITY**—Workshop to help small businesses determine their export potential, sponsored by the SBA and the NUSBC at the Hudson County Administration Annex Building 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. For information call 201-795-6196.

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## Business Exchange

# Rebuilding the Gulf: Let us in

by William Reed

WASHINGTON, D.C. — It seems that blacks living in America still "can't get no respect." For example, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), gave a party for Black Enterprise, and nobody came. Although hundreds of heads of Black America's oldest and most established business organizations and companies crammed into the MBDA Gulf Reconstruction Conference in droves, the people in charge of the Gulf, who will pay for its reconstruction, disdained these African-American leaders, again.

When it comes to African-Americans having as much participation in the fruits of war as we had in the front front-line laborers of it, it is still business-as-usual, no respect. The minority business and professional community had thought that the MBDA conference was going to be like "digging in a gold mine." And the program should have been a gold mine for blacks and their businesses. But, the people who could have assured them that

Black American Enterprise would get at least 15 percent of the \$150 billion bucks to be made in rebuilding Kuwait did not show at the MBDA party.

The Captains of Industry, the Bush Administration and the Kuwaiti representatives' sheiks are the people in charge of rebuilding Kuwait now, and the Gulf Area later, and also winners of these decision-makers, and contract signers, came to the MBDA program. The Department of Commerce, the overseer of the MBDA, barely showed itself at the conference. Although J. Michael Farren, Commerce's Under Secretary for International Trade had been scheduled to speak to the gathering of black and Hispanic business leaders at the rebuilding of Kuwait, he made the group wait while he personally was attending a meeting elsewhere in the building with the Secretary of Commerce and the Ambassador from Kuwait. While venerable heads of the National Business League, Booker T. Washington Foundation, Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund, and others, waited for Under Secretary Farren, he was in the real meeting talking to the actual deal-makers. While the biggest names in American Black Enterprise waited for him, Farren was doing "business as usual" which in this country has historically been a process of disrespect, and non-inclusion.

The heads of Bechtel, Dresser, Caterpillar, AT&T and other big American businesses, are sure to get billions in contracts from the Gulf's rebuilding. They can provide subcontractors and jobs in many areas of the Gulf Reconstruction programs.

President Bush can help Black Enterprise in the booty of the Gulf by using his bully pulpit to emphasize the importance of economic reciprocity on the part of the Kuwaitis. And the Kuwaitis need to make sure that as many "people of color" are building their new roads as there were on the road fighting for their liberation.

Black America has been at the hind-end of things for too long. It is moral and just for us to have as much participation in the fruits of the Gulf War as we had in combat laborers on sands of Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait. The respect that we seek would be met if we came out of the Gulf Reconstruction

projects with \$22 billion in service and product contracts and employment for African-Americans.

African-Americans who are tired of the American system of "business-as-usual" and are seeking to equitably participate in the reconstruction of the Persian Gulf Region should contact: the MBDA at (202) 377-1962; Dept. of Commerce Gulf Reconstruction (202) 377-5767; Kuwait Coordination Center (202) 802-0251; White House (202) 456-6640; and Congressional Black Caucus members Eleanor Holmes Norton and Mervyn Dymally at (202) 224-3121.



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for answering all of the council's questions time after time. Councilman Frank Meeks said, "I think every member will agree it was a protracted and tortuous process, but our concerns were put to rest."

Councilman Jon Brannick apologized to Bord. Councilwoman Helen Miller stated she would miss Bord and Mr. Hurd, another agency official, who often accompanied Bord to the council's question and answer sessions.

Council members Fahemah El-Amin, Earl Robinson and Elizabeth Urquhart stated that they were never against the AAMH, during the process, they just had some concerns about the developer that had to be cleared up. Robinson also stated that he would not like to go through the lengthy process again, in the future the process should run more smoothly.

After the vote, Bord thanked the council, "your delving and pushing and probing will do nothing but make this a better project." The AAMH began 12 years ago in Elizabeth, and has been involved in the Plainfield community for the past 10 years. "Members work, vote and contribute to the community economically, and in civil activities." He also said that he and the agency will do their best to maintain the promise he made to the council and the community, the agency hopes to have good fortune and is delighted to be a part of Plainfield.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to N.J.S. 40:44-9 et seq., Municipal Ward Law, the Newark Ward Commissioners are required to adjust the ward boundaries for the City of Newark.

The Newark Ward Commission will be holding Open Public Meetings every Tuesday and Thursday in the month of April at 3:00 P.M. (with the exception of April 25th, 1991.) in Room 411 of the Hall of Records, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Newark, New Jersey.

The Public is invited to submit proposals for the above to the Commission prior to April 23rd, 1991. Please mail or deliver to Newark Ward Commission, c/o Essex County Board of Elections, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Newark, New Jersey 07102.

Commissioner Laurie Clark, Chairperson  
Commissioner Carmine Granato  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD

Sealed proposals will be received by the Purchasing Committee of the Township of Bloomfield in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, Bloomfield, New Jersey, on Monday, April 8, 1991 at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, and publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of specifications and contract documents for this Residential Rehabilitation project (Application #463) are open to inspection in the Department of Community Development and Inspections, Municipal Building, Room 105, Bloomfield, N.J., and may be secured from said office. This project will involve the following work, under trades:

A. Roofing  
B. Painting  
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The Township Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids on any or all items in the proposal; to increase or decrease or eliminate such items as may be necessary for the adoption of any alternate; to accept that bid which in its judgment best serves its interest; to waive any informality or irregularities in the bids received; and to accept the bid from the lowest responsible bidder.

By order of the Township Council  
Frank R. Domenick  
Director of Community Development and Inspections

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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## CITY SPORTS

## Talking baseball with the big boys

by Fern Taylor

Despite the crunching sounds of the gridiron that can be heard from Raleigh-Durham to Barcelona, this is spring and the dawn of a new baseball season. It's always fun to make predictions at this time of year, when all teams start out at 0-0, so I thought I'd add some *CITY NEWS* picks to those from *Sports Illustrated*, *USA Today* and the *National*. Come October, I think we'll match up pretty well with the big boys.

I say "we" because I got some expert help. Ronald Earl Taylor, former Essex County College power forward, sports enthusiast — and cousin to yours truly — will join me. Cuz knows as much, if not more, about sports as I do — a typical lunch together will find both of us intently reading the sports sections from all the major publications, focused on uncovering every statistic, every bit of trivia — and every subtle attack on black athletes (and they are numerous) that can be found. So Ron is more than qualified.

Enough talk, here are our Major League Baseball predictions for 1991 — National League this week, American League next week:

**NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST:**  
Ron: 1. Mets 2. Chicago 3. Pittsburgh 4. Montreal 5.

## Petitions for victim

everyday in the U.S. The only "aberration" was that it was filmed providing incontrovertible proof that it does exist," he said.

"Yesterday we celebrated the twenty-third anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The beating of Rodney King is symbolic of the fact that racism and police brutality are just as much a part of our society as they were when Dr. King was killed," Hamlin said.

The petitions will be circulated throughout the state and will be sent to elected officials at local,

Philadelphia 6. St. Louis.

Comment: "Darryl (Straw berry) is gone and so is a lot of production, but with (Dwight) Gooden, (Frank) Viola, (David) Cone, (Ron) Darling and (John) Franco, on the pitching staff, that alone makes this team very competitive. Vince Coleman is terror on the bases and the return of Hubie Brooks makes this a pretty solid line-up. The Cubs could be one of the most explosive teams in baseball with a line-up that features George Bell, Andre Dawson, Shawn Dunston, Mark Grace, and Ryne Sandberg, with good pitching the Cubs make a serious run for the top.

**FERN: 1. Chicago 2. Mets 3. Pittsburgh 4. Philadelphia 5. Montreal 6. St. Louis.**

Comment: "I love offense, and Chicago has plenty of it with Dawson, Bell and company. I'm still mad at my Mets for 1-ting Straw row, so I'm picking them second — even though I tell you they'll give Chicago a run for their money. Pittsburgh? ...oo much internal turmoil with the contract situation of Barry Bonds and Bobby Bonilla.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST**

Ron: 1. San Francisco 2. Los Angeles 3. Cincinnati 4. Atlanta 5. San Diego 6. Houston.

Comment: "I believe in the one

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state and federal levels, including Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles who has also called for Gates' resignation.

"We want people in Los Angeles to know that people in New Jersey are as outraged as they are. If we can protest police violence in South Africa, then we must protest against it in the United States," he said.

The Peoples Organization for Progress is a grass-roots volunteer community group based in Essex County. Interested persons can obtain petitions by calling Natalie Flakes at 201-824-9503.

year up one year down theory. This is the Giants' year up, but this will be the closest of all the divisions — any one of three teams (Giants, Dodgers, Reds) could win this division. The Dodgers could have the best pitching staff of the three, and new and improved Darryl Strawberry could make this already a good team an awesome team. They all have the offense that is needed to win the division. Atlanta, and San Diego could make noise early."

**FERN: 1. Los Angeles 2. Cincinnati 3. San Francisco 4. San Diego 5. Atlanta 6. Houston.**

Comment: "Darryl... Darryl. Darryl"

As much as I loved UNLV to go undefeated and repeat as champs, you have to give Duke its just due. They outplayed, out-busted and sometimes outtan the Runnin' Rebels. Christian Laettner and Bobby Hurley played solid ball — to the delight of an adoring American media.

I had mixed feelings about Duke's win. I graduated from Northern Durham High School, seven minutes from Cameron Indoor Stadium and took a liking to Duke when they had Gene Banks, Vince Taylor and Mike Gminicki. Consequently, it felt good to see them win a national championship.

On the other hand, I wish the media wouldn't throw excess praise whenever a good white ball player comes along. Hurley and Laettner are outstanding ball players, but the media would have you believe that Hurley is Bob Cousy reincarnated and that Laettner is the next Bill Walton.

The Blue Devils are like the "Boston Celtics" of college basketball — a winning team overhyped by the media having white players in major roles. That's why I felt a bit annoying to see Duke win, especially over UNLV.

In any event, Congratulations Duke!

## Indoor Track Season Revisited!

East Side's Chet Oxford named Coach of the Year  
Dorian Fenner and Marquel Thomas lead Troops

by Monty Dickerson

NEWARK—East Side H.S. of Newark enjoyed a remarkable indoor season as they captured the Group IV State Individual and Relay titles. The team also secured both Essex County titles.

Dorian Fenner and Marquel Thomas were the key players in the county relays as they combined forces on the one and two mile relays as well as the sprint medley. Other noteworthy contributors were Antonio Oleviera, Timothy Bryant, Frank Dunkins, Taron Price, Kenyatta Jackson, and Michael Gatlin.

It was more of the same in the State Relays where East Side squeaked out a one point win over St. Joseph's.

The East Side Mile Relay team of Dorian Fenner, Frank Dunkins, Marquel Thomas and Taron Price were victorious at the prestigious Millrose Games and also won at the Meadowlands Invitational where Timothy Bryant replaced Dorian Fenner to complete the quartet.

In the individual meets Fenner, Thomas and Price excelled. In the Group IV meet Coach Oxford pulled off a major surprise as Dorian competed in and won the 100 (expected) and two mile run (unexpected). Marquel pulled off a major upset when he defeated Lamont Smith of Willingboro in 49.0 (meet record) to win the 400. Taron Price placed third in the 55 meter dash.

In the Essex County meet Dorian doubled the 800 and one mile runs. Marquel again captured the 400. Taron third in the dash and Antonio Oleviera second in the two mile run.

Coach Chet Oxford in his first year at the helm at East Side was selected the Star Ledger Boys Track Coach of the year. This was quite an accomplishment for coach Oxford who had spent over

ten years at Malcolm X Shabazz High before moving over to the east side of town. Congratulations

to coach Oxford, coach Elizabeth Dilla and the entire East Side team.

## Mayor's Basketball Tournament

NEWARK—The Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) announced they are accepting applications from teams who wish to play in the upcoming City of Newark, Mayor's Basketball Tournament. The Mayor's City basketball tournament runs April 15 through April 19, at West Side High School in Newark, DORCA officials said.

Recreation division officials said the field of teams will feature many "extremely talented" players and is sure to be competitive and entertaining.

Application forms can be obtained at the DORCA office, Room B-23, City Hall, 920 Broad Street in Newark, and the registration deadline is April 10.

"With the recent NCAA basketball tournament on television, 'March Madness' was in full swing," Mayor James said. "The City of Newark will be providing some of its own hoop ex-

citement in this month. The caliber of play is really outstanding for an amateur tournament. I encourage athletically-gifted municipal employees and everyone to come out and compete. Players and spectators will enjoy the action."

Roslyn Lightfoot, DORCA manager, agreed, adding that "there is a wide field of competition in many age and gender categories" of competition. The DORCA-sponsored tournament offers three age categories for both the boys' and girls' divisions (9-14, 15-17 and 18 and over). The tough competition is open only to Newark teams, Lightfoot said. She noted that teams must have uniforms with numbers, and divisions will be limited to 10 teams.

For more information, please contact Harold Wright, DORCA, special events coordinator (201-733-3749).

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